

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

**MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011
MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of the Summary Notes from the May Meeting
- III. Review of Francis Hammond Lights with Ron Kagawa
 - A. The Decision
 - B. Appeals Process
 - C. City Council Public Hearing
 - D. Construction Timeline
- IV. YSAB Sub-Committee Summary Report
- V. Other Field Construction/Renovation Updates
- VI. Update on Youth Sports Programs
 - A. Miracle Baseball League Closing Day – June 4
 - B. Hershey Track & Field Meet – May 21 & June 4
 - C. Field Hockey Program Opening Night – June 20
 - D. Rugby Youth Program
 - E. Wahoo Swim Team
 - E. Other Program Updates
- VII. Next Meeting Date – TBD
- VIII. Adjournment

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, June 13, 2011

Summary Notes

Board members present: Jim Gibson, Jeff Murphy, Brian McPherson, Laura Fries, Eva Shea, Bill Simmons, John Timmons, Bill Rivers

Staff members present: William Chesley and Mac Slover

Guest: Ron Kagawa (Park Planning Director, ADRPCA)

Jim started the meeting by asking the Board members to review the May minutes. Based upon the review, no changes were needed.

Jim then introduced Ron Kagawa, who gave an overview of the Hammond situation:

- While the results of the Planning Commission were positive, there is still much to be done about the lights SUP for Hammond.
- Next step is the City Council meeting on June 25th. They have to approve the SUP if it is go forward.
- However the Seminary Hills Citizens Association can still file an appeal with the Board of Zoning Appeals. This would be on the basis that the Planning Commission did not have the authority to rule on the height of the lights and the set back variance. The Planning Commission believes that it did have the authority and stands by its decision. If an appeal were filed, it would delay action until at least September since the Board does not meet again until then.
- If an appeal were filed, then any action by the City Council would be deferred until the Board has ruled on the issue.
- Jim mentioned that he was trying to meet with the opposition neighbors to try to resolve the issue and would let us know the results.

Ron then went on to address the Georgetown situation. The City had met with Council Member Fannon and Georgetown to discuss concerns about scheduling, parking, and flood plains issues. Georgetown wrote to the City and offered to reduce their parking needs by reducing the size of the stands they wanted. They did not address the scheduling issue, but said that they would need priority for the field. They also indicated that the field would have to be maintained up to NCAA standards, which would cost the City more maintenance dollars. The City feels that the stands will still require more parking than is available.

The current status is that Georgetown will meet with other parties using the field (like Bishop Ireton) to discuss the scheduling situation.

On a different issue, Ron said that the consultants on the City's Aquatic Master Plan would be meeting with any interested parties on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, to be followed by a meeting with the Park and Recreation Commission Thursday night.

Also, on the Roth-Witter status, he indicated that the construction is on target for an April 2012 opening.

Regarding the new grass fields at Potomac Yards, there was a problem with the developer not watering the grass enough. Consequently, they will have to replace major parts of the sod. They still plan on turning the fields over to the City in September, but the fields will have to pass a City inspection before they are accepted. If they do not pass that inspection, then soccer will continue to use the old Potomac Yards fields.

On two other field issues:

- Jefferson-Houston construction.
 - Bill asked how they could make sure that an artificial turf field is included in the school plans.
 - Ron suggested participating in the public comment phase, which will be this fall.
- On use of the T. C field on Sundays.
 - Bill mentioned an update from Mimi Carter saying that the School Superintendent said that the T. C. field could be used by the City on Sundays.
 - Ron suggested some further investigation into that since it may involve modifying the SUP.
 - Eva will get with Mimi on it.

Bill then gave an update on the Miracle Field project:

- The Miracle League of Alexandria has been formed to oversee the fund raising over the next 12 months.
- A Board of Directors has been selected with Bill as the Chair and Lindsey Swanson from Kelley Cares as the Vice Chair. Donnie is chair of the fund raising and construction subcommittees and Laura is chair of the media subcommittee.
- Several articles have been written about the project and the Miracle League itself over the past couple of weeks.
- A website is operational (www.miracleleagueofalexandria.com).
- A bank account has been set up and the first donation of \$10,000 was received from Kelley Cares.
- An application has been sent to the Harmon Killebrew Foundation for a donation of \$125,000 for field naming rights. A decision will probably be made in July.
- Ron showed the Board the proposed design for the field, which received several compliments.

Mac then gave a summary of the Miracle league season just completed:

- Very successful.
- 25 – 30 participants; both youth and adult.
- Great support from the Therapeutic Recreation and Sports staffs and all the volunteers (including Eva's daughter). Omega Psi Phi provided free food for the last couple of games.
- There will be a fall season, with many of the players already looking forward to its start.

Jim asked Mac to give an update on youth sports.

The summary of Mac's comments was:

- Field Hockey has started with 202 girls participating.
- Track and Field has been going on for the past month; 15 kids from Alexandria will be going on to the state meet.
- Rugby starts tomorrow with over 100 kids participating.
- The Wahoo swim team will be starting shortly with 130 kids.
- The softball championships will be this Thursday at Boothe Field.
- The summer rec programs will be starting with activities such as tennis, basketball, and baseball.

Jim then asked individual members to update the Board on their sports:

Laura (Swimming):

- Wahoo swim program starts with a meet this Saturday at 8:00 at the Old Town pool.
- Swimmers can still register through June 25th; there is a need for teenage swimmers.
- There is a new website for the Wahoo organization.
- They have also arranged for discount tickets to Kings Dominion with a swim day planned for July 18th.

John (Soccer):

- Still concerned about the George Mason field due to construction.
- Mac said that City staff had told him that the second field there would be ready for use by September 12th.
- John felt that it may be wise to take the field out of use until next spring so it can be done right. He is worried about a "quick fix" due to the construction that will leave the field in questionable playing condition.
- Ron promised that he would look into the situation and get back to John.

William (Summer programs):

- Just wanted to remind people about the programs offered throughout the City.
- An interesting one may involve Mark Washington (former Cowboy) and entail football lessons.

Bill Simmons (Bishop Ireton):

- Appreciates the support from the Board and the City on their baseball needs relative to the Georgetown proposal.
- They will be starting a field hockey program this fall. Will start as a club – may become an official sport later.

Brian (Little League):

- Championships have just been held.
- Closing ceremonies will be this weekend.
- Start of All-star games also.

Eva (Lacrosse):

- Just finished their season.
- A lot of success with fund raising this year; will allow for more scholarships.
- Starting afterschool programs at some of the elementary schools this fall.
- They had about 400 kids this season.

Jeff (Rugby):

- They are developing an MOU with T. C., which will allow them to use off-field facilities at T. C. (weight room, etc.)

Jim (Football):

- This comment pertained to all sports: Each student will be getting an Individual Achievement Plan (IAP) which will set out what the student needs to do to succeed in school. Jim urged all members to support this effort. He will provide more information to the Board as the school year approaches.
- He suggested that members should gather some success stories of athletics helping kids succeed in school – they could be used to bolster the IAPs.

Due to vacations, it was decided that no meetings would be held in July or August. The next meeting will be on September 12th. Any emergencies could be dealt with electronically.

Actions:

- Members need to stay current on the Hammond situation – the possibility of an appeal and the Council meeting on the 25th.
- Jim will meet with some of the opposition neighbors to try to resolve the issue and will advise the Board of the result.
- Eva will contact Mimi Carter about the possibility of an SUP adjustment regarding Sunday use of the T. C. field.
- Ron will get back to John about the George Mason field.
- Members need to research success stories for support of IAPs.

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011

MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of the Summary Notes from the April Meeting
- III. Budget Approved for FY 2012
- IV. Review on Francis Hammond Field Construction/Lights Public Meeting
For Planning Commission/City Council Public Hearings in June
- V. YSAB Sub-Committee Summary Report
- VI. Field Construction/Renovation Updates
- VII. Update on Youth Sports Programs
 - A. Kelley Cares Road Race – April 16
 - B. ALL Opening Day Ceremony – April 30
 - C. Miracle Baseball League Opening Day – April 30
 - D. Hershey Track & Field Meet – May 21
 - E. Other Program Updates
- VI. Next Meeting Date – June 13
- VII. Adjournment

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, May 9, 2011

Summary Notes

Board members present: Jim Gibson, Jeff Murphy, Brian McPherson, Donnie Simpson, Laura Fries, Eva Shea, Dennis Burstein, Bill Rivers

Staff members present: William Chesley and Mac Slover

Guests: Mimi Carter (School Board member), Steve Colantuoni (Athletic Director at T. C. Williams), Jim Spengler (Director, ADRPCA)

The meeting actually started at approximately 6:45 since we had a special guest who had another meeting to attend. Mimi Carter, a member of the Alexandria School Board, wanted to discuss the use of the athletic fields at T. C. Williams and Hammond. Points covered in the discussion were:

- There was a need to fix the playing fields at Chinquapin. They had been left in poor shape after the school construction.
- She was concerned about the need for more practice space for Alexandria Lacrosse and Alexandria Soccer. If these fields could be fixed, then she would look to those two organizations being able to use them.
- She felt that use of the T. C. artificial turf field should be expanded. Recreation use could be on Saturday afternoons and during the day on Sunday.
- While she would ultimately like to see lights at T. C., she was more concerned with the Chinquapin fields and expanded use of the artificial turf field at this time.
- She supported the installation of lights at Hammond.
- She would like to see the sports community publicly support these initiatives.
- Jim Gibson offered to testify at the June School Board meeting at that effect.
- During the discussion on the use of the fields at T. C., it came up that field scheduling at T. C. (particularly the field in front of the garage) can be done by multiple people, which leads to some confusion. Mac does it for the Recreation uses; Steve does it for most of the high school uses, but apparently other people in the front office at T. C. are issuing permits for some use as well.
- Steve handed out copies of the field usage agreement between the school system and the neighbors.

Ms. Carter had to leave at 7:15 for another meeting, but she said that she would continue working on these issues.

Jim then went over the Hammond situation. He summarized the latest public meeting as a much more controlled session with a better balance of supportive speakers than the initial meeting. Other reactions were:

- Anthony Zamora gave an excellent speech in support of the lights.
- It was a positive to have Judy Noritake start off the meeting by giving her support to the SUP.
- Jim also gave an excellent speech as a representative of the neighborhood.
- The neighbors against the lights will still be active despite the meeting.

Jim Spengler said that the City is taking the approach that Hammond was listed as a priority on the Field Master Plan, so they are acting to meet the demands already identified. He also said that a density study by ACPS clearly showed the need for a better field at Hammond to serve the youth population.

In John's absence, Bill gave the summary of the fields' situation (other than Hammond and the previously discussed ones).

- There had been a motion by Council to add \$2 million to the 2012 capital improvement budget for an artificial turf field. That motion was defeated with only Members Fannon and Hughes voting for the money. This was per the add/delete memo from Administrator Hartman to the Council summarizing all of the add/delete actions. Jim Spengler confirmed that the motion had been defeated although he wasn't sure of the individual members' votes.

Bill then pointed out that it had been a good week for the Miracle Field project. That same add/delete memo recorded that the Council unanimously supported moving the Miracle Field to the 2013 CIP, which fits in nicely with the fund raising needs of the support organizations. Some other points about the Miracle Field:

- There would be a need to set up a new structure to handle the funds that will be raised over the next 12 months (\$135,000). That organizational meeting would be coming up soon.
- Kelley Cares would develop a MOU with that new organization to formalize the flow of funds through their tax-exempt accounts.
- The first fund raising actually occurred at the season opener of the Miracle League with the raffle of various items – from the Nationals, the Wizards, ASA, ALL, and Alexandria Lacrosse.

Mac then gave his summary of various items:

- The 2012 budget added some money for youth sports. It will allow them to do the Miracle League, indoor soccer, and field hockey. There was also some for adult sports as well. They are currently reviewing the services that they provide with an eye on expanding to provide early morning and lunchtime services.

- Steve interjected that there will be an increased need for high school field usage as rules have changed regarding contact between coaches and athletes during the off seasons. The new high school rules allow more supervised practice time during off seasons, which means that T. C. will need more field space in the near future.
- Mac continued with a summary of the Kelley Cares Road Race in April – good turnout – will be a partner on the Miracle Field project.
- He also said that they were finally able to get the Alexandria Little League season opener done – on the third try due to weather issues.
- Also spoke about the Miracle League opener:
 - 23 participants.
 - Laura and her girl scouts did face painting.
 - Pat took care of cooking the free food.
 - 4 Council members were there.
 - Big success with support from other sports: ASA, ALL, and Alexandria Lacrosse.
 - The Therapeutic Recreation staff did a great job with the players, along with the volunteer “Angels in the Outfield”.
 - Anticipates a fall season.
 - Invited everyone to attend future spring games at 1:00 on Saturdays at the Lee Center.
- The City had their Track and Field day at T. C.
 - Big turnout.
 - Beautiful weather.
 - Part of the Hershey Track and Field Program.
- Girls’ softball will be opening on May 11th.
 - Three Giant food stores have contributed a total of \$1,500 to support the program.
- He will be sending out notices about the summer Field Hockey camp soon.
- He also encouraged people to attend the Annual Sportsman’s Club dinner recognizing athletes throughout Alexandria.

Jim then gave a status about the girls basketball program at T. C.

- 2 AAU teams are formed – 13 and under and 17 and under.
- Players are getting good experiences.
- In cooperation with INOVA, there will be a “Pink Zone” game hosted by the Mystics that T. C. players will attend.
- In support, Laura mentioned that the girl scouts had good experiences at Mystics games in the past.
- There will also be a basketball camp by the T. C. girls’ coach in late June.

Dennis mentioned that the ACPS is working on a \$1 million grant for physical education in the schools. He’ll keep us posted on that.

Jim closed the meeting and reminded members that the next meeting would be June 13th. There would probably not be meetings in July and August due to summer vacations.

Actions:

- Jim will testify at the June School Board hearing about field needs.
- Mac will send out info on the field hockey camp.
- Mac will send out info on the Sportsman's Club annual dinner.
- All Board members are encouraged to actively support the T. C. and Hammond issues.

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

**MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011
MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of the Summary Notes from the March Meeting
- III. Francis Hammond Field Construction/Lights Public Meeting Review
For Public Hearing on April 26
- IV. YSAB Sub-Committee Summary Report
- V. Update on Youth Sports Programs
 - A. Cheerleading Invitational – April 9
 - B. ALL Opening Day Ceremony – April 9
 - C. Kelley Cares Road Race – April 16
 - D. Miracle Baseball League Opening Day – April 30
 - E. Spring Program Registrations
- VI. Next Meeting Date – May 9
- VII. Adjournment

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, April 11, 2011

Summary Notes

Board members present: Jeff Murphy, John Timmons, Brian McPherson, Donnie Simpson, Laura Fries, Richard Stone, Bill Rivers

Staff members present: William Chesley and Mac Slover

Guest: Judy Noritake (Chair, Park and Recreation Commission), and Dana Wedeles (Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities)

Since Jim was out of town, Bill chaired the meeting. He asked members to review the March minutes during the meeting and get back to he, Mac, or Jim with any changes.

Since she had other commitments that evening, Judy was asked to speak first. Her topic was the upcoming public meeting regarding the Lights SUP at Hammond. She reminded the Board members that the meeting would be April 26th at Hammond and encouraged all members to attend the meeting. As she understands it, the Chair of the School Board will moderate the meeting so that all parties will have an opportunity to express their opinions.

She then led a discussion of the pro's and con's of the proposal, as well as the overall situation. One particular point was that the ACPS construction plan is now considering the lights as an option in the bidding process. This is designed to allow the field construction to proceed if there are any delays involving the lights. Dana added that the latest site plan from ACPS did not show the lights even though they were supposed to be shown in the drawing. ACPS is supposed to correct that problem.

Judy also pointed out that two other significant meetings involving the Hammond situation were coming up: a June meeting of the Planning Commission where the proposal will be voted upon and a later meeting of the City Council where the final voting will be done. Board members were encouraged to attend both of them.

One point of emphasis that Judy made was that the usage of the field had to include adults as well as children. The limited field availability in the City mandates that all parties should have access to playing time on the City's fields.

Dana added that the site plan does show that the entry gates to the field will only be at the parking lots so that street parking will be minimized. Judy also pointed out that the City would be requiring the churches that use Hammond on the weekends to hire a police officer to control traffic in the neighborhood. This should start in June of this year.

Following the Hammond discussion, John wanted to mention as part of the fields subcommittee report that the Brenman field was working out very well. The only issue right now is the unauthorized parking along the grass strips, which the City is addressing.

Bill then gave an update on the Miracle Field project. Major points were:

- The Kelley Cares Road Race was coming up on the 16th. All members were encouraged to promote the event with their constituency. The proceeds will benefit the Therapeutic Recreation program in Alexandria, including the Miracle League program starting on April 30th and the Miracle Field initiative.
- Bill complimented Donnie for his business providing part of the sponsorship of the Race.
- Giant Food had pledged \$500 towards the Race as well.
- It looked like over \$35,000 had been raised before registration fees were counted. The Kelley Cares organization is hoping to generate over \$50,000 in revenue from the Race.
- At the next Board meeting (in May), Bill will update the members on the Race results, the season opener of the Miracle Program, and the Council vote on the Miracle Field project (hopefully moving it to the 2013 CIP).

Mac then described the status of the season opener of the Miracle League program. It will be held on April 30th. Several activities are planned to enhance the event: face painting, a moon bounce, free food, etc. He has gotten a great response for volunteers to help out. He is still looking for more participants to sign up, but he expects that will happen as we get closer to the day. Laura offered to have her Girl Scout troop help out as well.

Bill then asked Mac to brief the Board on various sports:

- Softball opening night will be held on April 27th at Cora Kelly under the lights.
- He has received \$500 each from 3 individual Giant Food Stores in Alexandria as sponsorship for the softball program.
- The Cheerleading competition just finished at T. C. Williams this past weekend. Great turnout. 16 teams participated, including several outside groups. Overall a very successful event.
- Bill added that he attended the event and was very impressed with how well run it was. Everyone there was very positive and the kids looked like they had a great time. Probably almost 1,500 attendees.
- Spring registration is closing on T-ball and Coach Pitch - 32 teams – and Girls Softball – 15 teams.
- Also Track has started with a major event coming up on May 21st.

Members with sports going on then added their comments:

Brian (Alexandria Little League):

- The April 1st game under the lights at Brenman was a huge success.
- Saturday's games this past weekend were rained out.
- They are 3 games into the season so far.
- Brian expressed a concern that the infield at Luckett was somewhat rough. Mac will look into it and get it fixed.

Laura (Wahoos - swimming):

- 30 kids have registered so far.
- All the coaches are returning – very good news.
- There will be 6 home meets at the Old Town pool.
- They need 26 volunteers per meet. They have been using Team Unify as a website to help volunteers register.
- She had recently attended an aquatics program meeting with the City where long-term plans were discussed. Excited about them, but wanted to emphasize that she opposed enclosing the Old Town pool – leave it as an open air pool.

Richard (Softball):

- While the T. C. varsity is not doing well, the J.V. team is very strong. Should auger well for the future.
- Kids are playing twice a year now with the increased opportunities the City is offering. Helping build a stronger program.
- Competing with Arlington teams to vary the competition.

The meeting was adjourned at that time. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9th.

Action Items:

- Board members were encouraged to attend the various meetings regarding the Hammond Lights SUP.
- Mac will follow up on the issue about the field at Luckett.

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

**MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011
MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of the Summary Notes from the February 22 Meeting
- III. Francis Hammond Field Construction/Lights Public Meeting Review
Ron Kagawa, Park Planning, Division Chief
- IV. YSAB Sub-Committee Summary Report
- V. Roth Witter Field Groundbreaking Ceremony
- VI. City Council Budget Public Hearing
- VII. Update on Youth Sports Programs
 - A. Championship Basketball Games at the Garden
 - B. Baseball & Softball Registration – Upcoming Season
 - C. Football Hall of Fame Banquet
 - D. Spring Program Registrations
- VIII. Next Meeting Date – April 11
- IX. Adjournment

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, March 14, 2011

Summary Notes

Board members present: Jim Gibson, Jeff Murphy, Eva Shea, John Timmons, Brian McPherson, Donnie Simpson, Bill Rivers

Staff members present: William Chesley and Mac Slover

Guest: Ron Kagawa (Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities)

Since we had a guest speaker tonight, Jim asked members to review the February minutes during the meeting and get back to he or Bill with any changes.

Jim then introduced Ron Kagawa, Division Chief, Park Planning, DRPCA, who was here to speak about the Hammond artificial turf and lights situation.

Ron gave the Board the background of the situation and then led a discussion on the specific issue of lights at the field. Highlights were:

- ACPS has \$1.5 million set aside for the field and the lights.
- The artificial turf field does not require any public approval.
- The lights however require an SUP, which involves public comment.
- The proposed Hammond field will be a regulation size soccer field along with a 4-lane track. The work done on the field will also resolve some issues with the storm water drainage system currently there.
- On February 8th, there was a public question and answer meeting with the local neighborhood (many of which are members of the Seminary Hills Citizens Association).
- Considerable opposition was voiced to the lights. Principal concerns were traffic, parking, noise, visibility of the lights, and potential crime if adult usage was allowed later in the evening.
- Part of the response was probably because of the community's frustration with the BRAC process just down the road and the situation at Fort Ward Park. Also there was frustration due to traffic generated by church use of the school on weekends.
- The process for the SUP was now:
 - April 12th – meeting hosted by the Hammond PTA.
 - Planning and Zoning Commission in April.
 - City Council in May.
- Based upon the neighborhood concerns, the City has modified its proposal for the field to:
 - Artificial turf field
 - 4 lane running track with controlled lights
 - Fencing in the field to allow for only authorized uses.

- Putting in lights but restricting usage:
 - Lights off by 9:00 pm Monday through Saturday.
 - Lights off by 6:00 pm on Sundays.
 - Youth sports events only.
 - No private rentals.
- Board members were encouraged to support the lights SUP whenever they had a chance.
- John Timmons raised an issue about lack of support from ACPS at other sites – like use of the T. C. field on Saturday afternoons. That might color the level of activity of some members support of the ACPS SUP request. However all Board members said that they publicly support the SUP.

Ron then reviewed the groundbreaking ceremony at Roth-Witter.

- The project is expected to be done in 2012.
- Two rectangular fields; one baseball diamond.
- All fields will be lighted.
- State of the art support = solar powered; rain water collection; use of recycled material; etc.
- All Board members were excited about the addition of the facilities to the field resources of the City. Will allow for significant usage, particularly with the lights.

Bill then gave an update about the Miracle Field project.

- The City moved the Miracle Field from the 2020 CIP to the 2014 CIP in the February budget submission. The Working Group still wanted to pursue moving it to the 2013 plan.
- Two Board members testified at the Council hearing on the budget/CIP.
- At the Roth-Witter ceremony, Kerry Donley mentioned that he would submit a budget memo asking for the 2013 move (that has subsequently been done).
- Among several meetings and actions over the past month was a meeting with the ACPS Office of Special Education. They will help advertise the April 30th League opener and support the Miracle Field installation.
- Board members were reminded to encourage their membership to participate in the Kelley Cares Road Race on April 16th. Funds raised by the race will help out the Therapeutic Recreation program including the Miracle League and the Miracle Field.

Mac explained about the April 30th season opener of the Miracle League program.

- Notices have been sent out about the League.
- Registration forms have also been distributed.
- He has received an autographed basketball from the Wizards to raffle off at the opener.

- He plans on having entertainment at the event as well – a moon bounce, face painting, etc.
- Looking for 25 to 30 participants at the event, along with a lot of supporters.

Jim gave an overview of the Football Hall of Fame event held by Fairfax County recently. Bill Yost and Dave Curtis from Alexandria were inducted into the Hall. The event had a good turn out; including many of the 1971 Remember the Titans team. He believes that Alexandria should have a similar Hall and will be getting back to the Board with some ideas about that.

John told Jeff that he had watched the World Series of Rugby on TV, as Jeff had requested. Impressive rugby, but the US team has a long way to go to be competitive at the top levels.

Mac then briefed the Board on several items:

- The basketball championships would be held at T.C., thanks to Steve Colantuoni at T. C. Games will start at 9:00 and go until 8:30 at night. Jim will do the announcing and the girls' varsity will be selling refreshments throughout the day.
- Jim mentioned that the T. C. varsity girls' coach had formed some AAU girls' teams this year – a first for Alexandria.
- Mac said that registration for rugby and field hockey were completed.
- Registrations for T-ball and softball are almost complete.
- He will be hosting an Adult sports meeting, similar to our monthly meetings. He hopes to hold a join session between our Board and the Adult Sports reps in the near future. Jeff endorsed the idea and felt that there needed to be a greater advocacy for adult sports in Alexandria.

Jim adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm. The next meeting will be on April 11th.

Board actions:

- All members of the Board publicly support the SUP for lights at Hammond.

Action Items:

- Members were encouraged to support the April 16th Kelley Cares Road Race and the April 30th Miracle League season opener.
- Jim will get back to the Board about a potential Hall of Fame in Alexandria.
- Board members were encouraged to support the Hammond SUP at any public meetings coming up.

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011
MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of the Summary Notes from the January 10 Meeting
- III. YSAB Sub-Committee Summary Report
- IV. Potomac Yard Fields Update
- V. Francis Hammond Field Construction/Lights Public Meeting Review
- VI. Update on Youth Sports Programs
 - A. Open Field Nights at Brenman and Minnie Howard
 - B. Youth Basketball Season Began
 - C. Baseball & Softball Registration -- Upcoming Season
 - D. Indoor Soccer League (4 – 5 years & teens) – Registration Began
 - E. Football Hall of Fame Banquet
- VII. Next Meeting Date – March 14
- VIII. Adjournment

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, February 7, 2011

Summary Notes

Board members present: Jim Gibson, Jeff Murphy, Eva Shea, John Timmons, Bill Gehrig, Brian McPherson, Bill Rivers

Staff members present: William Chesley, Mac Slover

Guests: Jim Spengler (Director, DRPCA), Steve Colantuoni (T. C. Williams Athletic Director), Jim Blair (T. C. Williams Baseball Coach)

Since Steve and Jim Blair were at the meeting as guest speakers, Jim asked them to start the meeting. Steve indicated that he had just hired Jim to coach the T. C. baseball team. He felt that it would be a good opportunity to bring Jim to the meeting and he asked Jim to say a few words.

Jim expressed his desire to work closely with the youth sports community and was looking forward to the upcoming season. Jim has had extensive experience in baseball – playing as a youth, in high school, in college, and some pro ball. He also has been coaching for a number of years, including at the college level. Everyone at the meeting welcomed Jim and offered any assistance that he needed.

Jim G. asked Board members to review the minutes from the January meeting and let Bill know of any changes needed.

John then gave a brief summary of the Fields subcommittee.

- Award has been made for the Roth-Witter project. Work to start in March and to be completed late in 2012.
- Hammond meeting coming up, but left it for the later discussion on the agenda.
- Grass will be planted at Potomac Yards in the spring. Jim S. felt that the fields would be ready to play in the fall.

Bill then gave an update on the Miracle Field initiative.

- Meetings have been held with Council members preliminary to the budget submission to Council.
- That budget submission will be on February 8th.
- Kelley Cares will help raise funds for the Miracle Field. Their main fundraiser is a road race each spring.
- Bill and Mac both encouraged Board members to advise their constituents about the Kelley Cares Road Race in April.

- Jim G. mentioned that he had talked to Janet Barnett who is supportive of the Miracle Field project. She'll get back to Jim with any actions that she can take to help out.
- Jim S. said that he thought the Miracle Field was in the 2013 CIP for about \$290,000.

Mac added that he was planning on starting a Miracle League Program this spring. They'll use the dirt field at the Lee Center. The season opener is scheduled for April 30th. If it rains, the opener will be at G. W. or Hammond.

Regarding the Hammond issue, Jim mentioned that there was opposition in the neighborhood to the field proposal. Primary concerns were the lights, the potential for increased noise later at night, and the possibility of crime increasing in the neighborhood.

Eva asked who would be the users of the field. Mac indicated that the ACPS would have the field until 6:30 (for Hammond after school use and for T. C. practices). The Recreation Department would have it after that. He would expect that both youth and adults would use the field.

Bill G. asked what were the logistics of the upcoming meeting. It will be a presentation by the City (along with their contractor) then a question and answer period for the attendees. It was not an opportunity for testimonials.

Jim S. reminded members that the hearing was preliminary to a SUP application for the lights. There was no SUP needed for the artificial turf field. Jim G. indicated we may need a campaign with Council to get the lights approved, including testifying at appropriate Planning Commission and the City Council meetings.

Regarding other neighborhood concerns over lights, Steve said that he had a regularly scheduled meeting coming up with the T. C. neighborhood group. In answer to Bill's question as to whether he could attend, Steve said that it was a closed meeting.

Jim alerted the Board to a joint project between the girls' basketball team at T. C. and INOVA hospital. They will be working together on a Fight against Cancer fundraiser before the season is over.

At Jim's request, Mac then gave an update on youth sports:

- The City wants to have open use nights at the lit fields, but the weather has not cooperated. They will try to schedule something in the near future, but will take into account the start of spring sports usage of the fields.
- Basketball is over halfway done. The Championship games will be held at T. C., thanks to Steve's support.
- Baseball and softball registration has started. Opening day is slated for April 9th. Baseball tryouts will start this weekend. Also a softball clinic is being scheduled.

- Dave Curtis and Bill Yost will be inducted into the Fairfax Football Hall of Fame shortly.
- Mac will be starting an indoor soccer program for teenagers in March or April. It will be held Saturday nights at one of the Rec centers as part of the City's effort to provide more opportunities for teens.
- He will also be doing an indoor soccer program for 4 and 5 year olds and will try to start a Sunday afternoon indoor program for adults as well.

On a related issue, Mac said that there was a recent meeting with Georgetown University to go over a lot of the concerns about their proposal on field usage at Four Mile Run.

Jim S. said that Georgetown would meet with all the current field users to see if there are any schedule conflicts. There will also be another meeting about the technical problems regarding the use of a field in the flood plain. The earliest that any Georgetown use would start would be 2014.

Jim G. then asked each member to provide a short update on their sport.

Bill (Basketball):

- Just wanted to compliment Tamika and Mac for responding quickly to some logistical issues about games.

John (Soccer):

- Very concerned over the limited parking at the current Potomac Yard fields. Doesn't see how that will work out for games to be scheduled there.
- Mac said that the City is aware of the issue and trying to work with the developer to correct the problem.
- John also pointed out that the George Mason field is still unusable due to the City work done there.
- Mac said that the City hoped to have at least one field ready there for the upcoming season.

Jeff (Rugby):

- Alerted everyone to the World Series of Rugby.
- Will be televised for the first time.

Eva (Lacrosse):

- The girls' try-outs were held this past weekend.
- The boys' try-outs will be held this upcoming weekend.
- Season will start at the end of March.
- They need coaches if anyone knows of somebody who may be interested.

Brian (Little League):

- Registration is on going.
- Try-outs this upcoming weekend.
- Bill G. said that Jim Blair would help “coach” the coaches prior to the season starting.

Steve (T. C.):

- ACPS will be having intramural programs at G. W. and Hammond starting this spring. 6 week program; 2 days a week.
- He’s looking for a better interaction between T. C. and the community. Will pass on information to help our coaches.
 - VHSL is requiring certification for coaches now.
 - Also concussion training.
 - He expects that physicals will be needed even for kids just using the open gym during the off seasons.

Jim adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm. Mac will notify everyone of the next meeting.

Board Actions:

- Jim signed a letter to the Park and Recreation Commission supporting the artificial turf field and lights at Hammond.

Action Items:

- Members were encouraged to participate in any public hearings about the Hammond lights SUP.
- Members were encouraged to attend the girls’ basketball fundraiser for the fight against cancer.
- Members were asked to alert their association members about the Kelley Cares Road Race on April 16th.

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

**MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011
MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of the Summary Notes from the December 13 Meeting
- III. YSAB Sub-Committee Summary Report
- IV. Upcoming Francis Hammond Upper Field Construction/Lights Meetings
- V. Discussion on Field Use Request – Georgetown University
Baseball and Softball Teams - FY 2014
- VI. Nominations/Election for 2011 Officers
(Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary)
- VII. Update on Youth Sports Programs
 - A. Open Field Nights at Brenman and Minnie Howard
 - B. Girls Volleyball Program
 - C. Youth Basketball Season Began
 - D. Baseball & Softball Registration – Upcoming Season
 - E. Indoor Soccer League (4 – 5 years & teens) – Registration Begins
- VIII. Next Meeting Date – February 14
- IX. Adjournment

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, January 10, 2011

Summary Notes

Board members present: Jeff Murphy, Bob Moir, Eva Shea, Laura Fries, Dennis Burstein, John Timmons, Richard Stone, Donnie Simpson, Bill Rivers, Bill Simmons

Staff members present: William Chesley, Mac Slover, Jim Spengler

Guests: Frank Fannon (City Council member), Pat Malone (Alexandria Aces); Owen Malone (Alexandria Rugby); Bob Barusefski (Kimley-Horn Associates), Kevin Van Hise (Kimley-Horn Associates)

In Jim's absence, Bill started off the meeting by stating that there were several guest speakers here tonight and that we wanted to have them go first.

He introduced Bob Barusefski and Kevin Van Hise from Kimley-Horn Associates, a contractor for the ACPS. They were here to explain the actions being taken at Hammond regarding the artificial turf field and the lights.

Kevin gave the presentation and both he and Bob took questions. The main points:

- They are the same contractors that did Brenman for the City
- There will be an artificial turf field put in. Almost a full size soccer field.
- There will be ¼ mile track with 4 lanes also installed around the field.
- There will be lights for the field, along with some reduced lighting for the track area.
- They hope to put in bleachers along the school side.
- They will need a SUP for the lights.
- Hope for construction to start in the summer of 2011.
- Meetings coming up:
 - Feb. 8th – with neighborhood at Hammond
 - March – Planning Commission – public hearing.
 - January 20th – Park and Recreation Commission
 - They encouraged Board members to attend the meetings.
 - They have had some negative feedback from the neighborhood about the lights.

Bill then introduced Frank Fannon who wanted to educate the Board about the Georgetown University proposal for a stadium at Four Mile Run. He wanted to hear feedback about the idea. Bill cautioned the Board that we didn't want to get into a debate about the concerns – we just wanted to identify them for Frank.

Frank's presentation was highlighted by:

- Thanked the Board for the opportunity to discuss the issue.
- Looking to foster public/private partnerships.
- Georgetown currently plays its baseball/softball games in Bethesda.
- Looking for a closer location.
- Georgetown could provide the funding to upgrade both the Mann baseball field and the adjoining softball field. Would include stadium seating.
- Georgetown would use it for their season, and then the City could use the fields.
- Probably 3 to 4 years out.
 - Roth-Witter softball field would be available for fulltime City usage by then.
 - Also Boothe would be available similarly for City baseball at the same time.
 - So far, RPCA and ACPS have been involved in the preliminary discussions.
- Would expect a locker room and concession stand to be built as well.
- Knows that parking issues would have to be addressed by T & ES.
- Planning and Zoning would also be involved.
- While Georgetown would pay for the construction, the City would own the stadium/fields.

Some concerns raised by Board members:

- Bob – why do we need a college stadium in Alexandria?
- John – concerned that there would be no net gain for the softball program (just trading Boothe for Witter)
- Richard – Georgetown would want to use the fields for practice as well as games.
 - Potentially January through June and then September and October.
- Various Board members:
 - Can't meet current needs – travel baseball; ALL; and Alexandria Aces
 - Georgetown would need to limit other usage while they prepped and maintained the fields.
 - Explore a synthetic surface to reduce maintenance downtime.
 - Need to identify maintenance costs and who will pay for them.
 - Positive in that it generates revenue for the City.
- John suggested that they would be better off trying to locate the field elsewhere in the City (such as Land Bay L at Potomac Yards) than trying to put it at Four Mile Run, particularly considering the flood plain issues there.

Frank thanked the Board for the discussion and the concerns raised. He left for another meeting then.

John discussed the Fields subcommittee information:

- Wanted to clarify the cost for artificial turf and lights at Potomac Yards – heard various numbers.
- Jim Spengler said that the costs would be \$1.2 million for the two fields and \$300,000 for the lights for both fields.
- John also discussed the ACPS CIP projects including the school construction at Jefferson-Houston; Cora Kelley; Patrick Henry; and a fourth school to be named (for 2020).
- Also plan for restrooms and a concession stand at T. C. in 2014.

Bill Simmons would like the City to use the BI field, but the City Manager has said no to such use (due to neighborhood complaints).

Bill gave the status of the Miracle Field initiative.

- Met with the Mayor and Deputy City Manager – received Mayor’s approval.
- Deputy City Manager said 2012 CIP would be submitted to Council on Feb. 8th.
- Council has until May to approve the budget and the CIP.
- Alexandria Little League has sent a letter of support to the Council and the Mayor.
- Prince William County is putting one in at Independent Hill off Route 234. Will be finished in the spring.
- Next steps will be meetings with Council members.

Donnie wanted to make sure that the Board agreed that BI’s use of City fields would not be impacted by the Georgetown proposal. The Board unanimously agreed.

Bill also pointed out that the same would apply for ALL. Again, full support by the Board.

Bill then opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Secretary of the Board. New elections were due this year. After some discussion, Jim Gibson was the sole nominee for Chair and Bill Rivers was the sole nominee for Secretary. The Board then decided to vote and unanimously elected both to the two positions.

Bill then asked Mac to update the Board on his activities:

- ALL:
 - There is a moratorium on the use of composite bats.
 - Already implemented by ALL.
 - Wood or aluminum are okay.
- Basketball:
 - Over 1,000 players; 105 teams; both increases over last year.
 - Just started a girls only 8 and under division. Pleased that they have 6 teams ready to go.

- Volleyball:
 - Championships held after postponement due to snow.
 - Received good cooperation from T. C. and BI for gym space.
- Baseball/Softball:
 - Registration starting soon.
- Indoor soccer:
 - Trying to get it started.
 - For 4 and 5 year olds.
 - Will be held at the Rec centers.
- Open field use:
 - Trying to schedule some time, but weather has been a problem.
 - Hopefully start next week if it gets warmer.
- Spring fields meeting:
 - On the 19th.
 - Will be using the T. C. field on Saturday afternoons for the first time.
- Miracle League:
 - Looking to start at the Lee Center. Will be at Hammond or GW if weather problems.
 - Hopefully starts this spring.
 - Laura said that the Bellefonte Wizards may want to get involved with their handicapped program.
- Swimming:
 - Registration starts in March.

Dennis (ACPS):

- On January 31st, there will be training for the archery program.
- For the schools mostly, but Rec centers are invited for the training.
- This is for the instructors.

Bob (Park and Recreation):

- Reminded Board about the meeting on the 20th of January.
- Wanted to get the letter signed going to the Commission supporting the artificial turf fields and lights at Potomac Yards. Bill said that he had talked to Jim about the letter and that Jim wanted the letter circulated for unanimous approval of the Board and that he would then sign the letter. Bob indicated that he would circulate it and ask for responses by Friday.
- Also needs a youth representative for the Commission. Good opportunity and looks good on a college resume.

Eva (Lacrosse):

- Registration closes on the 17th.
- So far, looks like more kids and more teams.
- There will even be some wait lists for certain age groups.

Bill Simmons (BI):

- Looks like BI will contribute \$5,000 for the Roth-Witter scoreboard.

Jeff (Sportsmen's Club):

- Recognized one of the girls volleyball champions at the December meeting with another to be recognized at the January meeting
- January meeting will be held at the Old Dominion Boat Club starting at 6:30.

Bill then closed the meeting by reminding Board members that the February meeting would be on February 14th.

Official Board Actions:

- Endorsed the concept that the interests of both Bishop Ireton and Alexandria Little League need to be protected in any discussions about the Georgetown University proposal regarding the Four Mile Run fields.
- Unanimously re-elected Jim Gibson as Chair and Bill Rivers as Secretary.

Action Items:

- Members were encouraged to attend the January 20th Park and Recreation Commission meeting and the February 8th Hammond neighborhood meeting to support the artificial turf field and lights at Hammond.
- Bob will circulate the final version of the letter to the Park and Recreation Commission supporting artificial turf fields and lights at the Potomac Yard fields. If unanimous support is received from the Board, then the letter will be signed and forwarded.

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010
MT. VERNON RECREATION CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of the Summary Notes from the November 8 Meeting
- III. YSAB Sub-Committee Summary Report
- IV. Discussion on Francis Hammond Upper Field Construction/Lights
- V. Discussion on Simpson Field Concession Stand Construction
- VI. Discussion on Field Use Request – Georgetown University
Baseball and Softball Teams - FY 2014
- VII. Discussion with Mrs. Suzanne Maxey, Principal
TC Williams High School
- VIII. Update on Youth Sports Programs
 - A. Ben Brenman Rectangular & Diamond Fields
 - B. Girls Volleyball Program
 - C. Baseball & Softball Registration – Upcoming Season
 - D. Cheerleading Program – Cheerleading Invitation
- IX. Next Meeting Date – January 10
- X. Adjournment

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, December 13, 2010

Summary Notes

Board members present: Jim Gibson, Jeff Murphy, Bob Moir, Eva Shea, Laura Fries, Dennis Burstein, Mike Neilson, John Timmons, Bill Gehrig, Bill Rivers

Staff members present: William Chesley, Mac Slover

Guests: Suzanne Maxey (Principal, T. C. Williams), Mark Eisenhour (T. C. Williams); Marc Leon (citizen); Pat Malone (Alexandria Aces); Owen Malone (Alexandria Rugby); GERALYN McNALLY (Lacrosse); Drew Hansen (Del Ray Patch); Christy Goodman (Washington Post); Kevin Beekman (Arlandria Citizens Association); Jim Spengler (Director, DRPCA)

Jim started the meeting by saying that we had a couple of things that he wanted to address about the meeting. First, we had the principal of T. C. Williams, Suzanne Maxey, attending so she could address issues involving sports and student athletes. Second, he had decided not to address the issue of Georgetown University's proposal for baseball/softball stadiums at Four Mile Run at this meeting. He wanted the Board members to have more time to familiarize themselves with the issue. It will be addressed at the January meeting.

To provide more time for Ms. Maxey, Jim asked Board members to review the November minutes when possible and get back to him or Bill with any changes needed.

Ms. Maxey started off by giving her background in sports – as a participant; as a parent; and as a spouse (husband has been an athletic director in the past). Since coming to T. C., her main focus has been on academics and how to improve the kids' performance. While she likes sports and supports them, she feels that she must focus all her energy at this time on academics. Other things will get done later. One example of academic progress is the "Wall of Fame" she had posted at the school. It lists honor roll students for all to see. She was quite pleased to see several athletes pointing out their performance on the "Wall".

She was accompanied by Mark (Steve Colantuoni had a conflict and couldn't make the meeting), who indicated that the top sports priorities for the school (in terms of construction projects) were the installation of more tennis courts at Minnie Howard and a softball field in front of the parking garage. Other initiatives such as a baseball field at Chinquapin would have to wait.

Ms. Maxey then opened the floor for questions to be asked of her.

Mike Neilson: he said that he had more of a statement than a question – the Board should be considered as a resource by the school to help get things done. We are here and willing to help.

Ms. Maxey: Thanked Mike and expressed her appreciation; looking forward to working with the Board in the future.

Jim: He asked what her position is on lights at the T. C. field.

Ms. Maxey: While she thought that the Friday night game in October was great and showed that such games could be held, she is not ready to push for lights at this time. Her focus will be on academics. If ACPS insists that T. C. have lights, she won't object. However, she will not initiate a request. It would be more of a battle than she can handle at this time.

Bob: Both Lacrosse and Soccer need access to the T. C. field during weekend daylight hours. He understands that it would require a change to the SUP, but he wanted her to be aware of the need.

Jim: Asked if she supported the 2.0 rule.

Ms. Maxey: She can see both sides of the issue, but at this time, she leans towards keeping the 2.0 rule.

Jim: How can youth coaches help out with academics?

Ms. Maxey: They can make sure to start teaching the kids about four principles: Integrity; Decency; Academic Standards; and Going to College. Start the kids believing in those things at a young age and it will help carry over at the high school level.

Jim: How can T. C. help unify the divergent groups interested in helping kids out?

Ms. Maxey: She appreciates all the offers of help. She would expect that a clearinghouse would need to be set up to coordinate all the offers. Unfortunately, right now, she doesn't have the time to do that. Such an effort would probably be done in a year or so.

Bill: Just wanted to give her and Mark a heads up about the Miracle Field initiative. It should help out disabled students at T. C., along with others in the City.

Ms. Maxey: Agrees with the idea and looks forward to hearing more as the initiative progresses.

Jim called a brief recess for Ms. Maxey to leave and for others to enjoy the refreshments provided.

When the meeting started again, John gave a brief overview of the outdoor field situation, starting with a compliment on the opening of the new artificial turf field at Ben Brenman. He also commented on the other field projects, which were summarized in a handout as well. There were a couple – like Roth-Witter and the Jefferson Houston school project – that he expressed some skepticism about completion dates.

Regarding Jefferson Houston, Dennis stated that the school will need a high school sized gym – not a middle school sized gym – to accommodate all the P. E. needs at the new school. He will convey that to Mark Krause at ACPS.

Bill then gave a status on the Miracle Field initiative. A handout was also provided, along with pictures of a rectangular Miracle Field being built in Bridgeport, Michigan. Basically, progress is being made. A meeting with the Mayor and then the City Manager will be scheduled in the near future.

Jim Spengler then gave an overview of some items from the DRPCA viewpoint:

- Simpson Field/Potomac Yard area:
 - Developer still has more improvements to put in – such as a possible concession stand at the baseball complex.
 - Ideas will be presented to the City Council.
 - The Board should have the City Planners attend a meeting. They set out the parameters as to what is allowed in specific areas.
- Beth from his office provided an estimate to a City Council member as to the cost of putting in artificial turf fields and lights at Potomac Yards. That cost ranges from \$1.2m to \$1.9m. (The Council member was later identified as Rob Krupicka).
- Installing lights at Potomac Yards without a turf field may not be wise given the increased usage lights will allow. The grass fields will wear out much more quickly. He also indicated that there is still a concern over a school being put in there.
- Regarding Hammond, ACPS has put in a SUP for lights there. Will go to the Planning Commission/Council in April. Encouraged Board members to testify in support when appropriate.
- Also encouraged members to e-mail the Council about how well Ben Brenman has turned out.
- Jim G. mentioned that there could be some neighborhood opposition to lights at Hammond. He is hearing some negative comments already.

John remarked that his sources of information have indicated that there will not be a school built at the Potomac Yard site (where the fields are going). We need something definitive from ACPS about a school there if we are to pursue artificial turf fields there.

Mike suggested an e-mail to the Council and the School Board requesting an answer about a school so concrete plans can be made. Bill volunteered to draft an e-mail and send it to Mike to review.

Jim G. asked Jim S. what the “state of the union” is for the Rec Dept.

Per Jim S.:

- The Department has been treading water for the last three years. Significant cuts have been made in the past two years. However no cuts this year.
- He pointed out that the Council did not see a need for more artificial turf fields until the 2017 CIP with Brenman and Roth-Witter fields being done before then.
- He suggested that the Director of Planning be invited to our next meeting. That office helps define what the space in the City will look like. Everything else follows from that plan. In some cases, that means that consideration for playing fields give way to open space.

Mac gave a quick overview of the current sports:

- The City will host open use times at both Ben Brenman and Minnie Howard during the winter.
- Volleyball championships will held at the end of this week. 130 girls participated on 12 teams.
- Baseball and softball registration is underway.
- He requested Lacrosse to provide their registration form to him so he can post that on the City site. (Eva will follow up with Mac).
- The Cheerleading exhibition went very well. 16 teams participated with probably close to 2,000 people attending the event at T. C.

Jim closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their work and cooperation over the past year. It's been another good one for the Board and consequently for the youth of Alexandria.

Action Items:

- Jim asked Board members to familiarize themselves with the Georgetown University proposal prior to the January meeting.
- Dennis will contact Mark Krause at ACPS about the need for a larger gym at the new Jefferson Houston School.
- Jim Spengler recommended that Board members testify in support of the lights SUP at Hammond when it comes before the Planning Commission and the Council.
- Mike recommended that a draft e-mail be developed asking for a definitive answer about the school situation at Potomac Yards. Bill will draft the e-mail and send it to Mike for review.
- Jim Spengler recommended that The Director of Planning for the City be invited to the next Board meeting.
- Eva will provide Mac with the Lacrosse registration form so Mac can put it on the City's website.